

VERBECK, C. H.—Farmer and stock-raiser, section 32, P. O. Malcom. Was born in Stonslead, Canada East, in 1833, where he was educated and raised. Learned the trade of carpenter and joiner in early life and followed that for an occupation until 1865, when he was married to Miss Emma P. Meridith of that county. He came to this county the same year and settled in his present location. Enlisted in September, 1861, in company D, Eighth Illinois cavalry, and was in several of the warmest battles of the Rebellion. Was in the Seven Day fight before Richmond, Gettysburg, Antietam, and many others which his regiment participated in. He had a narrow escape at one battle, his horse being shot from under him. He enlisted as a private, was mustered in as second lieutenant, and promoted to first lieutenant during his services. He was honorably discharged in February, 1865, and received many marks of credit for the valuable service he rendered. Is the architect of his own fortune as he commenced life for himself with very limited means, and now enjoys the possession of a valuable farm of 195 acres of well cultivated land, with good comfortable buildings, orchards, groves, etc. His farm is well stocked, and he is now turning his attention to the breeding of fine animals. He also owns eighty acres in Worth county this State. His family consists of one son living, Luther.